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## WINTER PLAYSUIT

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A one-piece suit for outdoor play in winter is designed to protect against snow and cold. It allows freedom for all kinds of normal child play, and provides for reasonable growth.

A low, even rolling collar keeps out cold wind while allowing head and neck freedom. Stiff, upstanding collars that restrict head movements interfere with good posture.

Wide raglan sleeves allow extreme arm movements, adapt to growth and fit comfortably even when a sweater or extra indoor clothing has to be worn for additional warmth.

Easy fit in all parts of a suit, but with no bagginess, makes it comfortable and warm.

A long center front opening makes the suit easy to put on and take off. A slide fastener is a secure weatherproof fastening which also encourages self-dressing. Equipped with an automatic lock, a slide fastener does not work open.

Roomy pockets are almost an essential for holding a handkerchief and the many trinkets that any child likes. If placed at hand level and with openings that slant to the side, they are convenient and corners are not likely to be torn by bearing down in them.

Wide, roomy legs long enough to blouse slightly over knit anklets, allow free knee action, and growth does not quickly alter the fit.

The knit wristlets and anklets fit snugly but they have plenty of easy stretch. In this way the sleeves and legs are held in so that they do not admit cold, collect soil, or cause trouble in dressing.







Easy looseness across the shoulders, together with raglan sleeves, permits free reaching.

The seat of the suit has the room that is needed for unrestricted bending. Darts are set in at each side of the back waistband, and at the sides, in line with the bend of the hips.

Through the crotch a straight band of material, or boxing, such as is used in making pillows, provides room for activity. The effect is neater in appearance as well as more comfortable than the usual method of seaming back and front together.

A suitable material is one sufficiently warm for the climate, pliable, light in weight, soft and smooth in texture, easy to clean thoroughly, resistant to soil, and durable. Examples are cotton suede and wools with the texture of broadcloth. Avoid prickly, scratchy wools and harsh, stiff cottons.

Gay, rather than dark, drab colors are protective because they are readily seen by motorists. Children also enjoy wearing bright colors, and they are practical as well.

Choose headwear suitable for the climate. A beret suits mild days, and a warm knit cap, cold ones.

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